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REMARKS

Amendments to Claims

Group I claims: Claim 1 has been amended to state the composition further comprises an organic titanium compound. Support can be found on page 4, lines 23-26. Claims 2, 5, 11, and 14-22 have canceled. Claims 3-4, 6-10, and 12-14 have been made to adjust to amendment to claim 1, adjust numbering of claims and to correct typographical errors.

Group II claims: Claims 23-27 have been canceled.

Group III claims: Claims have been amended so that scope of composition is consistent with amendments to claims 1-14 of Group I. Claims 28, 30, 32, 34-36, and 38-40 have been amended. Claims 31 and 37 have been canceled.

Election/Restriction

Examiner has taken the position that claims 1-22 (Group I) are drawn to compositions of the formula of claim 1 classified in Class 514/558, with various subclasses. Claims 23-27 (Group II) are said to be drawn to processes of making, classified in Class 514/558, with various subclasses. Claims 28-40 (Group III) are drawn to processes of making, classified in Class 514/558, with various subclasses.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-22, with traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the other Inventions.

If Applicant is required to further elect a specific compound or species, Applicant elects, with traverse, R is hydrogen in claim 1. Applicant traverses because Applicant submits that a number of phosphites can be used in the composition and that patentability does not rely on the specific phosphite.

Rationale Establishing Patentable Distinctiveness Within Each Group

Examiner states each invention involves compounds which are distinct from one another. Applicant has amended Group I claims, canceled Group II claims and amended Group III claims to be consistent with scope of composition defined by Group I amended claims.

The above Groups represent general areas wherein the inventions are independent and distinct, each from the other.

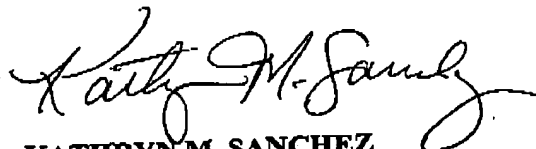
Examiner asserts each of Groups I-III is distinct and independent product compositions. Applicant has amended claim 1 (Group I claim on which all other Group I claims depend) such that the composition comprises an alkoxylated phosphite of specific formula and an organic titanium compound. Applicant further defines alkoxylated phosphites in claims 3, 4, and 14. Applicant further defines organic titanium compound in claims 8, 9, 10, and 13. Applicant specifies additional components of the composition of claim 1 in claims 6, 7, and 12. Applicant applies these definitions to claim 28 (Group III claim on which all other Group III claims depend).

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Thus, Applicant respectfully asserts a serious burden has not been imposed on the Examiner to perform a complete search of the defined areas.

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